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Letter dated 15 October 2010 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the attached communication dated 6 October 2010 from Zalmai Rassoul, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex

Letter dated 6 October 2010 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, I have the honour to express profound gratitude and appreciation for the important role being rendered by the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) authorized under Security Council resolution 1386 (2001) of 20 December 2001 and subsequent Security Council resolutions for the restoration of peace, security and stability in Afghanistan.

In that regard, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan welcomes the proposed extension of the ISAF mandate (Security Council resolution 1943 (2010)) until the Afghan security forces are fully able to provide and maintain security and law and order on their own. I also seize this opportunity to convey the sincere gratitude of the Afghan Government to all countries that have contributed troops and resources to ISAF.

It is our earnest hope that the Security Council will continue to reflect, in its relevant resolutions, the importance of fulfilling the ISAF mandate.

(*Signed*) Dr. Zalmai **Rassoul**
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Islamic Republic of Afghanistan